

This note is to express my concern over the possible implementation of broadband internet service over power lines. I am a licensed amateur radio operator (callsign - K2GTM). I feel that due to the results of recent testing by groups such as the ARRL and individual amateur operators, BPL should at the very least be studied extremely closely as to the adverse effects it may have on the shortwave radio frequency spectrum. These tests have shown that, irregardless of the time of day, BPL signals directly interfere with the proper reception of amateur AND other shortwave transmissions. Many amateurs who operate in the shortwave bands (as well as shortwave listeners) may have their pastimes stripped from them as a direct result of BPL interference.

Please, do not let BPL take away a highly enjoyed hobby from millions of Americans. Remember, amateurs were and still are discovering, experimenting and implementing the technologies used in communications. Shortwave is still a viable medium to reach millions of people worldwide. Don't let BPL ravage the shortwave spectrum. If you do, radio amateurs and shortwave listeners will never forget it.